

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 420

By Gresham

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Sadie Olene Harbin of Jackson.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Sadie Olene Harbin; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Harbin was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for her fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, born on December 22, 1928, in Huntsville, Alabama, she was the daughter of Leighton Sydney and Daisy Byron Hymer; and

WHEREAS, on January 20, 1945, she was joined in holy matrimony with Herman Harbin; the couple enjoyed fifty-nine years of love and companionship until Mr. Harbin's passing on June 20, 2004; and

WHEREAS, raised an only child, Sadie Harbin longed for a houseful of children, a desire she fulfilled; she and her husband were the proud parents of seven children; and

WHEREAS, Sadie Harbin served with acumen and alacrity in the garment industry for Garan, Inc., in Adamsville; she also spent more than twenty years working for Wurlitzer Piano Company in Corinth, assembling circuit boards for organs, in which position she earned the respect of her peers and superiors alike for the exemplary quality of her work; and

WHEREAS, hardworking and self-sufficient all her life, Mrs. Harbin enjoyed producing and preparing her own food; in addition to gardening and canning, she and her husband raised pigs and cured their own meat, and she always loved to eat the fish and fish eggs that Mr. Harbin caught for her; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Harbin was an active and devout member of the Lakeview Baptist Church in Selmer, which she served faithfully for many years; and

WHEREAS, Sadie Harbin was also deeply devoted to her family, and she always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her parents and her husband, Sadie Harbin was preceded in death by one grandchild and one great-grandchild; and

WHEREAS, the beloved matriarch of her family, she will be fondly remembered and sorely missed by her daughter, Sandra (Mike) Singleton; six sons, Wayne (Janice) Harbin, David (Starlite) Harbin, Randall (Mae) Harbin, Jimmy (Georgina) Harbin, Billy (Verna) Harbin, and Michael (Sue) Harbin; thirteen grandchildren; fifteen great-grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Sadie Harbin leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all her chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Sadie Olene Harbin, reflecting fondly upon her impeccable character and her stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mrs. Harbin.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.